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Three named to faculty, staff positions

James Hudnut-Beumler

George Telford

Robin Dietrich

COLUMBIA WELCOMES THREE newcomers to its faculty and staff: the executive vice president, the director of advanced studies, and the newly created position of financial aid officer.

James Hudnut-Beumler began his duties on June 14 as executive vice president, dean of faculty, and associate professor of religion and culture. Dr. Hudnut-Beumler, who was appointed by Columbia's Board of Directors at its April meeting, comes to Columbia from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., where he served since 1991 on the professional grantsmaking staff in the field of religion. He was personally responsible for grants and program development in the areas of religion and philanthropy, urban ministry and financing American religion.

From 1988 to 1991, Dr. Hudnut-Beumler was administrative director of the Undergraduate Program and lecturer in Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. He lectured in the Department of Religion at Princeton from 1987 to 1988. During that time, he administered the department's Pegasus Project, a program of computer-assisted collaborative scholarships.

Dr. Hudnut-Beumler holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University and the Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York. He received his B.A. in history from The College of Wooster in 1980.

The author of numerous articles, monographs, and book chapters, Dr. Hudnut-Beumler is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life.

"Dr. Hudnut-Beumler is deeply committed to the church and to the preparation of ministers to serve local congregations," Columbia President Douglas Oldenburg said. "Among many positive references, he is described as 'gentle, firm, and wise.' We welcome him to Columbia."

George Telford joins the faculty as director of advanced studies, replacing Douglas Hix, who retired in June. In the advanced studies office, Mr. Telford will direct the seminary's three advanced degrees: Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, and Doctor of Sacred Theology. These degree programs currently enroll 342 students.

Mr. Telford graduated from Columbia in 1958 and most recently served as director of the theology and worship ministry unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA), a position he assumed in 1987. There, along with a staff of 16 persons, Mr. Telford served the church in developing resources and in offering training and counsel through a variety of consultations, conferences and other events in the area of theological studies, liturgical resources, discipleship, spirituality, and faith and order.

Mr. Telford has been pastor of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, Virginia; the First Presbyterian Churches of Auburn, Alabama, and Tallahassee, Florida; and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlot-

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Kerri and Jeff Peterson-Davis are congratulated by Howell Adams, Columbia board member. Kerri and Jeff are associate pastors at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

Columbia grants 121 degrees

ADDRESSING A CONGREGATION of more than 1,500 persons at Columbia's May 23 commencement services at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Anglican Archbishop Desmund Tutu of Cape Town, South Africa challenged 121 graduates to proclaim boldly the gospel of God's unconditional love.

"Go forth to tell them that they matter, even when the world seeks to deny this truth," said Archbishop Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize. "Tell them that it is not race, it is not color, it is not wealth, it is not status that gives them their worth; it is that they have been created in the image of God, they have been sanctified by the Holy Spirit of God, they have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

"Go forth and help to change this world so that there is laughter and joy, so that there is peace and reconciliation, so that there is justice and goodness. Let the kingdoms of this world become as the kingdom of our God and of his Christ."

After the 4 p.m. service, Peachtree hosted a reception for graduates, their families and friends, and the faculty. The Archbishop was among those circling through the reception, offering and receiving congratulations.

Earlier, at the 11 a.m. baccalaureate service at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Catherine Gonzalez, professor of church history at Columbia, drew her text from the II Kings 4:8-37 account of Elisha and the

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Expanding the library

Douglas W. Oldenburg, President

It is no secret that one of the most important resources of any educational institution is its library. For many years, Columbia has been aware that the library was perhaps the weakest part of our program. We have an outstanding faculty, a beautiful campus, a growing endowment, an excellent administrative staff, a strong Board of Directors, and a fine student body. Now we must make comparable strides with our library—a need emphasized in our recent self-study and in the report of the accrediting team from the Association of Theological Schools.

Built in 1953, the John Bulow Campbell Library remains an architectural gem on our campus. It was built with a stated capacity for 100,000 volumes. Today the library collection is more than 114,000 volumes with no space for additional books. The staff is severely crowded, and study space for students is very limited.

In response to this critical need, we have made the renovation and expansion of our library the centerpiece in our current capital campaign. After careful study, architectural plans have been drawn, and it is estimated that the total library project will cost $5,542,000. The addition will be built to the rear of our current library with a new main entrance opening to the heart of the campus, architecturally mirroring the arched portico of the Richards Center on the opposite side of the quadrangle.

The new library will more than double the square footage of our current building and expand our collection capacity from 100,000 to 180,000 volumes. It will provide more adequate office space for our staff. It will have a computer lab for our students and faculty and a special room for the seminary archives. It will increase study areas from 91 seats to more than 200 (including seminar rooms and carrels). Student lounges and other amenities will make the library more user friendly, and handicapped students will have easier access to our library resources.

In view of rapidly developing library technology, we have planned the library for maximum flexibility so that it will be adaptable to new technology as it becomes available.

We are grateful that two generous pledges from individual donors will fund an endowment of $1,653,000, eventually providing an estimated $66,000 annually for library operation and maintenance and $30,000 for the library acquisition budget—a 38 percent increase over the current budget.

We have received $4 million in gifts and pledges toward the $5.5 million estimated construction cost. We are now seeking gifts from foundations and individuals to raise the remaining $1.5 million. If the money is found, we anticipate the exciting possibility of beginning the renovation and breaking ground on the new addition in the summer of next year.

The plans are ambitious, but with the completion of this renovation and expansion, the John Bulow Campbell Library will add immensely to the strength of Columbia Seminary's educational program. □

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Shunammite woman. Noting the prophet's remarkable promise to the woman of a son, followed by the child's birth, tragic death, and raising, Dr. Gonzalez said, "The biblical narrative seems to move in a strange pattern."

Observing parallels with other biblical narratives, Dr. Gonzalez noted that Isaac was saved from sacrifice only to die later; that the Shunammite woman's son, though raised from death, would face it again; that Israel, freed from its bondage, would be conquered more times. Only in the resurrection of Jesus did the strange pattern find its culmination. Yet the key players in all these narratives believed that God, and not merely circumstances, had broken into their lives.

Dr. Gonzalez added, "Where we have had the experience of God's call that takes us out of our ordered lives and brings us to a new place, we may then assume that all should go well from that point on, and we settle down as comfortably in this new setting as we had in the old. But it doesn't happen that way—and it won't for us, either.

"The ultimate fulfillment is Jesus at the right hand of God--never to face death again, as would the son of the Shunammite woman. That is the only reality with which we can come to terms in any final way. Those who live by faith are therfore enabled to live with all the little promises and the times when it seems impossible that they will be fulfilled," she said.

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At commencement, Board Chair John Conant, acting on behalf of Columbia's Board of Directors, conferred degrees. Next, President Douglas Oldenburg presented each graduate with a diploma, assisted by retiring Director of Advanced Studies Douglas Hix for Doctor of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry, and Master of Theology degrees and by Vice President for Student Life Philip Gehman for Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theological Studies degrees. Charles Cousar, interim vice president for academic affairs, hooded each graduate.

Fifty-six ministers received the Doctor of Ministry degree, one received the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree, and eight received the Master of Theology degree. Fifty-one students received the Master of Divinity degree, including 16 who graduated with distinction: Marybeth Asher-Lawson, Richard Atkerson, Gregory Breter, Martha Ebel, Nancy Graham, Linda Hawthorne, Scott Lawson, Daniel Milford, Ron Nelson, Kimberly Olson, Jeffrey Peterson-Davis, Thomas Pipkin, Jeffry Reynolds, Todd Speed, Elizabeth Tourville, and Benton Trawick. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 graduate "with distinction."

Jeff Peterson-Davis graduated with honors in Christian education, Scott Lawson with honors in ethics, and Jane Dasher with honors in practical theology.

In addition, the seminary awarded five Master of Arts in Theological Studies degrees. Brent Plate received the M.A.T.S. with distinction.

Fourteen students were recognized for academic excellence and received special awards. Kim Olson received the Wilds Book Prize for graduating with the highest distinction in academic work over the entire seminary program.

Jeff Peterson-Davis was awarded the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology for a paper showing sound theological scholarship and relevance to the needs of contemporary Christians, and Walt Tennyson received the Presbytery of St. Andrew Women of the Church Preaching Award for the best sermon preached by an M.Div. student during the academic year.

Patricia Senterfitt received the Columbia Seminary Leadership Award, recognizing her promise of providing outstanding leadership to the church and for demonstrating unusual leadership qualities and spiritual depth and integrity.

Jeff Peterson-Davis received the Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Studies Award for the best Old Testament exegesis during the academic year. Rick Atkerson, Marybeth Asher-Lawson, and Ben Trawick shared the James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Memorial Book Fund Award given to persons who intend to build their collections of theological books as a resource for ministry.

Greg Breter received the Emma Gaillard Boyce Award for a paper exploring creative use of music in worship; Dan Milford received the William Dudley Award for Evangelism for achievement, interest, and commitment in evangelism and church growth; and Martha Ebel received the Indiantown Country Church Award for outstanding work in a rural church. Jane Dasher was recognized for claiming the Roland Tapp Creative Writing Award for best entries submitted from among students at eleven Presbyterian theological schools.

Four graduate fellowships were granted to students who plan to pursue degrees beyond the first professional degree. Nancy Graham received a Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowship, and Scott Lawson and Brent Plate received Columbia Graduate Fellowships. Jeff Peterson-Davis received the Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship, awarded to the graduate determined by the faculty to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement. □

Jung Woon Suh (second from left), new president of Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea, and his wife visited President Douglas Oldenburg and Victor Yoon, director of Columbia's Center for Asian Ministries, in June, renewing the relationship between the two seminaries. President Suh was a professor of mission at the seminary, which enrolls more than 2,000 students, before being named president. He had earlier served as a missionary to Indonesia.

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tesville, Virginia. He was director of the division of corporate and social mission of the Presbyterian Church (US) from 1973 to 1981. Mr. Telford earned the B.A. from Presbyterian College, was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Harvard University, and received a diploma from the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

In welcoming Mr. Telford, President Oldenburg said, "This important position is being filled by a well-qualified person. George Telford brings years of experience as a pastor-theologian, an able administrator, and a passionate teacher. Columbia is fortunate to have him join our faculty."

Robin Dietrich joined Columbia on July 1 as financial aid officer, a newly created position. She reports to the Vice President for Student Life/ Dean of Students.

Ms. Dietrich received the B.A. degree from Carleton College and the A.S.N. degree from the Louisiana State Medical Center. She has worked in special education, in several areas of nursing, including positions as nurse examiner, oncology nurse, and research assistant, and as a laboratory technician. Ms. Dietrich also assisted in Columbia's recent reaccreditation self-study.

As financial aid officer, Ms. Dietrich will be responsible for the administration of Columbia's financial aid program on the Decatur and Florida campuses, including all phases of federal, state, denominational, and institutional processes. Student scholarships, grants-in-aid, and loans will be under her purview.

"Robin Dietrich brings to this new position demonstrated skills as an administrator and an enthusiastic commitment to theological education," said Vice President for Student Life Philip Gehman. "We are very fortunate to have someone of her caliber to assist students in this critical area."□

Convocation is September 15

James Hudnut-Beumler, Columbia's new executive vice president and dean of faculty, will be the speaker at the seminary's 166th opening convocation and honors day on Wednesday, September 15.

First year Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree students will be introduced to the Columbia community after Dr. Hudnut-Beumler's address. In addition, honors, awards, and scholarships will be announced.

The seminary expects an entering class of approximately 55 students in the two degree programs. Many members of the entering class were enrolled in summer Greek School at Columbia.

Opening convocation will take place at Columbia Presbyterian Church at 11:15 a.m. A luncheon for students, faculty, and staff will follow. The public is invited to the convocation. □

1993 Master of Divinity degree placements

Rebecca Ardell Downs
Marybeth Asher-Lawson, associate pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
Richard Atkerson, graduate study, Columbia Theological Seminary
Christopher Bobo, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Donalsonville, Georgia
Frank Boyd, staff, St. Luke's Episcopal Church Community Kitchen, Atlanta, Georgia
Gregory Breter, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dalton, Georgia
Dean Brown, pastor, Blackshear Presbyterian Church, Blackshear, Georgia
Evan Campbell
Katherine Carpenter
Tae Ho Cheong, graduate study, Columbia Theological Seminary
Nancy Cooper, pastor, Presbyterian Church of Roscoe, Roscoe, Pennsylvania
Belinda Curry, pastor intern, Baltimore Presbytery, Baltimore, Maryland
Jane Dasher, clinical pastoral education, Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia
Ellen Donnan, pastor, Junius Presbyterian Church, Junius, New York, and Oaks Corners Presbyterian Church, Oaks Corners, New York
Jones Doughton, pastor, Appomattox Presbyterian Church, Farmville, Virginia, and Jamestown Presbyterian Church, Rice, Virginia
Martha Ebel, clinical pastoral education, Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina
Karen Estes, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, Tennessee
Thomas Evans, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Union Point, Georgia
Bill Gandy, pastor, Harvest United Methodist Church, Harvest, Alabama
Nancy Graham
Linda Hawthorne, clinical pastoral education, Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Kenneth Kasan
Paul Lang, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, McGehee, Arkansas
Scott Lawson
Patricia Looper, pastor, Kincaid Memorial United Methodist Church, Griffin, Georgia
Elizabeth Majoros
Carl "Jake" Marshall
Russell McKee, chaplain/faculty, Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, Georgia
Gregory McMinn, pastor, Metter Presbyterian Church, Metter, Georgia
Daniel Milford, clinical pastoral education, Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia
Ron Nelson
Kimberly Olson, associate pastor, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina
Mike O'Neil, graduate study, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia
Jeffrey Peterson-Davis, associate pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Kerri Peterson-Davis, associate pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Thomas Pipkin, associate pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Snellville, Georgia
Vanessa Potter
Jeffry Reynolds, associate pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Tucker, Georgia
Ann Runnion, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Indiana
Ty Saltzgiver, area director, Young Life, Atlanta, Georgia
Patricia Senterfitt, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Jung Shin, graduate study, Columbia Theological Seminary
Todd Speed, associate pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina
Anne Stevens
Donald Stribling, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bremen, Georgia
Walter Tennyson
Jane Thomas, clinical pastoral education, Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Benton Trawick, pastor, New Dublin Presbyterian Church, Dublin, Virginia
Elizabeth Tourville, pastor, Rosedale United Methodist Church, Rosedale Mississippi, and Gunnison United Methodist Church, Gunnison, Mississippi
John White, pastor, Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church, Laurens, South Carolina
Harry Wynn

Composites of the Class of 1993 are available from the Office of Seminary Relations, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031. Composites are being mailed to all 1993 graduates.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Marian Haynes, Atlanta, Georgia
Brent Plate, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Samuel Saint-Elie, Paris, France
Peter Shelly, Canyon, Texas
Robert Stewart, Atlanta, Georgia

Doctor of Sacred Theology

Larry Easterling, Richmond, Kentucky

Doctor of Ministry

Buford Adams, McDonough, Georgia
Ralph Aker, Orlando, Florida
Carol "Pinky" Bender, Charlotte, North Carolina
John Berghorst, Moorestown, New Jersey
Harold Brown, Naples, Florida
Malcolm Brownlee, Riverdale, Georgia
Peter Carruthers, Raleigh, North Carolina
Byron Chambers, Acushnet, Massachusetts
Anthony Collins, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Edwin Cooley, Anderson, South Carolina
Harold Daniel, Kingston, Jamaica
Thomas Dendy, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Kenneth Dunivant, Birmingham, Alabama
Stephen Dutton, Decatur, Alabama
Steven Eason, Morganton, North Carolina
Jeffrey Ebert, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania
Jack Emerick, Nitro, West Virginia
Mahlon Felkins, Birmingham, Alabama
James Fisher, Choudrant, Louisiana
Henry Flowers, Augusta, Georgia
William Gaskill, Avondale, Pennsylvania
Maxine Gernert, Athens, Tennessee
Robin Grant, Kingston, Jamaica
Denise Hall, Charlton Heights, West Virginia
Harris Hand, Wedowee, Alabama
Richard Hawks, Douglas, Georgia
James Horn, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania
Sonjia Hunt, Cleveland, Tennessee
Stephen Janssen, Orange, California
David Kunselman, Orchard Park, New York
Philip Linder, Stone Mountain, Georgia
Laurel Link, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Herbert Marbury, Decatur, Georgia
George McRae, Miami, Florida
Robert Morgan, Rochester, New York
Walter Mueller, Maple Glen, Pennsylvania
John Neal, Luton, England
Orville Neil, Kingston, Jamaica
Richmond Nelson, Lawrence Tavern, Jamaica
Francis Parr, Columbus, Georgia
Andral B. Plexico, Mebane, North Carolina
Lucas Queen, Charleston, Tennessee
Paul Rader, Huntington, West Virginia
Laura Rains, Birmingham, Alabama
Lionel Richards, St. Johns, Antigua
Jeannette Rodenbough, Madison, North Carolina
Timothy Setzer, Waterville, Maine
Donnie Smith, Snellville, Georgia
Cephas Stern, Hanover, Jamaica
Macon Stinson, Haleyville, Alabama
Paul Thompson, Christiana, Jamaica

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Continuing Education Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write: Sara Covin Juengst, Director of Continuing Education, or Richard S. Dietrich, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14 Basic Reaoings in Bible ano Theology A survey of theological disciplines for lay people. Introduction to certificate courses in practical Christianity and spiritual formation. Leader: Rick Dietrich. Cost: $50.

September 16-18 Writing for Publication This intensive workshop offers experienced and aspiring writers the chance to explore the "nuts and bolts" of getting published. Leader: Roland Tapp. Cost: $75.

September 20-23 Continuing Education for Korean-American Pastors

September 20, 27, October 4, 11 Fall Lay School of Bible ano Theology

October 7-8 Pastoral Care for the Mentally Ill and Their Families This conference will help pastors and other concerned individuals develop congregational models of ministry to the seriously mentally ill and their families by addressing such issues as family anxieties, understanding mental illness, and how to connect with mental health services. See article on this page. Leaders: Tom Summers and others. Cost: $30. Scholarships are available.

October 10-15 A Week at Koinonia and Habitat for Humanity An opportunity to participate in the life of both communities, working where needed, and learning of the activities and convictions of both. Leader: Sara Juengst. Cost: $100.

October 15 Certification for Administrative Personnel A seminar for lay employees of churches, governing bodies, and church related institutions who are interested in professional growth and seeking certification in the Administrative Personnel Association, PC(USA). Courses will examine church polity and financial planning. Leaders: Robert Ramey and Robert Smith. Cost: $35.

October 29-31 Global Mission Aovocate Training Conference This event offers valuable training for enabling the church to carry out its mission to the world. Theme: The Caribbean. Cost: $45.

November 17-19 Seasons of Ministry: The Early Years An invitational event for the class of 1990 to reunite with classmates and share the joys and woes of beginning ministry. Members of Columbia's faculty will lead discussions on various topics of interest. Cost: $50.

December 2-4 Presbytery Leadership Training This event will give presbytery leaders a clearer understanding of the systemic nature of our polity in dealing with specific needs of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Ministry, and the Permanent Judicial Commission. Cost: $50.

December 3-4 Weekeno Lay School, Birmingham, Alabama Elective courses taught by Shirley Guthrie, Charles Cousar, and Rick Dietrich. Co-sponsored by the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church. Cost: $35.

Course for administrative personnel scheduled

Each year Columbia offers a course designed to help administrative personnel meet requirements for certification. These courses follow the approved list created by the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

On October 15, 1993, Robert Ramey, professor of ministry at Columbia, will teach a five-hour course on "Our Church Government." In addition, a one-and-a-half hour course in financial planning will be taught by Robert Smith, southeastern representative of the Board of Pensions.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on campus. These courses are of particular interest to church secretaries but are also open to church administrators, business managers, and judicatory personnel. Cost is $35, meals not included.

For more information, contact Sara Covin Juengst, 404/378-8821. □

Fall Lay School offers three classes

This fall's Evening Lay School will offer courses in New Testament, Old Testament, and theology. Classes meet on Monday evenings, September 20 and 27 and October 4 and 11, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Columbia Seminary campus. The Evening Lay School is sponsored by the Lay Institute of Faith and Life.

Charles B. Cousar, professor of New Testament at Columbia, will offer a course in "Reading the New Testament Today." Dr. Cousar will deal with questions of translation. The class will also discuss questions of authority: "What authority does the New Testament have and how did it get that authority?"

Paul Hooker, pastor of Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, will teach "Where Is Ur of the Chaldees, Anyway?" "The events of the Old and New Testaments did not take place in some never-never land imagined by the authors," Dr. Hooker says. "They were grounded in the very real dirt of some very real places." Dr. Hooker's course will explore the relationship between the physical geography of the Near East and the theological terrain of the Bible, especially the Old Testament.

Shirley Guthrie, professor of systematic theology at Columbia, will bring new insights into an old doctrine in a course on "The Trinity." "All Christians confess a triune God," Dr. Guthrie says, "but many would have a difficult time saying what they mean by that." What is the doctrine of the Trinity, and why is it so important to us? The course will explore traditional interpretations and look at some new developments as well. It will also grapple with why the Trinity remains relevant for Christians today.

Cost is $35. Students may register through the Lay Institute. □

Seminars for ministers set

Columbia's Office of Continuing Education will conduct its annual January Seminars for Ministers January 4-7, 1994. Offerings include "Preaching on Lent and Easter," taught by Will Ormond, professor emeritus of New Testament, on January 4 and 5. In addition, Ginny Ward Holderness, author of two classic works about youth work in the church, will offer a course in youth ministry. Catherine Gonzalez, professor of church history, will teach a course on *The Book of Common Worship* and how to make effective use of it in a congregation. Stanley Saunders, assistant professor of New Testament, will offer a New Testament study for ministers, and Jasper Keith, professor of pastoral care, will teach "Crisis Intervention in the Pastorate."

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Creating a caring congregation

On October 7 and 8, Columbia will sponsor "Pastoral Care of the Seriously Mentally Ill and their Families," a cooperative event with the Georgia Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Mental Health Center of Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

The conference will focus on helping ministers and congregations develop ways to provide loving support and pastoral care for mentally ill persons and their families. It will address such complex issues as understanding mental illness and helping families cope with mentally ill family members. It will also offer specific suggestions for steps congregations can take in developing a ministry of support.

Thomas A. Summers, keynote speaker, directs the Academy for Pastoral Education of the South Carolina Department of Health. Since 1983 Dr. Summers has been pastoral consultant to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. He will address the personal and family distress resulting from mental illness, suggesting pastoral care approaches and the role of the minister in building supportive networks and community partnerships.

Other presentations include "What is Mental Illness?"; "When Mental Illness Strikes in the Family"; "The Church and Mental Health Issues"; "What Your Congregation Can Do"; and "Bridges to Advocacy."

Tuition is $30, and scholarships are available upon request. Tuition is waived for a lay person who brings his or her pastor.

For more information, contact Sara C. Juengst at 404/378-8821. □

Training presbytery leaders

Columbia Seminary will provide a training conference December 3 and 4 for members of presbytery Committees on Ministry, Committees on Preparation for Ministry, and Permanent Judicial Commissions. Participants will have an opportunity to examine models for conducting this training within their presbyteries and to gain a better understanding of the duties of these committees.

The event will focus on implications of the General Assembly's interpretation regarding the ordination of homosexuals and how that relates to the responsibilities of the committees. Presbyteries are encouraged to send chairpersons, moderators, and individuals newly elected to these responsibilities.

The presbyteries of Charleston-Atlantic and Savannah are sponsoring the conference in partnership with Columbia. Tuition is $50, which includes breakfast on Friday and Saturday and lunch on Friday.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Columbia Seminary faculty members

Walter Brueggemann
William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament

Charles Campbell
Instructor in Homiletics

Lee Carroll
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology & Director, Supervised Ministry

Brian Childs
Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling

Erskine Clarke
Professor of American Religious History

Will Coleman
Instructor in Theology

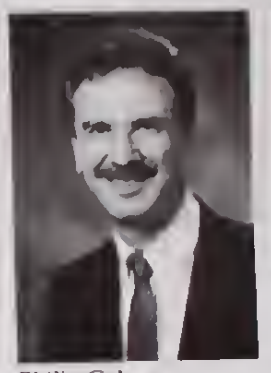
Charles Cousar
Samuel A. Cartledge Professor of New Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis

Ronald Cram
Associate Professor of Christian Education

Ronald Crossley
Director, Center for Theological Studies in Florida

Barry Davies
Instructor in Church Music

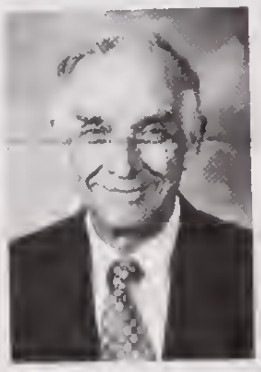
Richard Dietrich
Director, Lay Institute of Faith and Life



Philip Gehman
Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students

Catherine González
Professor of Church History & Director, M.A.T.S. Program

David Gunn
Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis



Shirley Guthrie
J.B. Green Professor of Systematic Theology

James Hudnut-Beumler
Executive Vice President, Dean of Faculty, & Associate Professor of Religion and Culture

Ben Johnson
Peachtree Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth

Sara Juengst
Director, Continuing Education

Jasper Keith
Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling

David Moessner
Associate Professor of New Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis

James Newsome
Professor of Old Testament Langange, Literature, and Exegesis

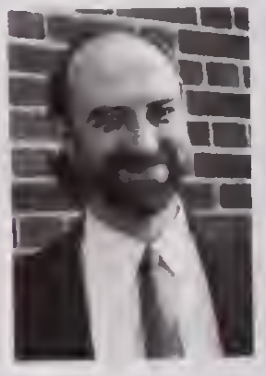
John Patton
Professor of Pastoral Theology & Director, S.T.D. Program

Robert Ramey
Professor of Ministry

Marcia Riggs
Associate Professor of Christian Ethics

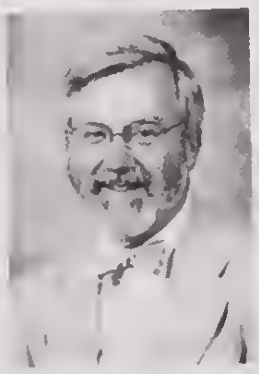
Lucy Rose
Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship

Iwan Russell-Jones
Associate Professor of Theology, Media, and the Church



Stanley Saunders
Assistant Professor of New Testament

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Practical Theology



George Stroup
Professor of Theology

George Telford
Associate Professor of Theology and Church & Director, Advanced Studies

Christine Wenderoth
Interim Director, John Bulow Campbell Library & Assistant Professor of Practical Theology

Victor Yoon
Director, Center for Asian Ministries

For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

David Moessner, associate professor of New Testament, was awarded a $15,000 research fellowship by the Evangelical Scholarship Initiative. The fellowship will support his project, *Luke the Interpreter of Israel, Vol. II: 'Getting the Story Straight.'*.....**Marilyn Washburn '81** received a Ph.D. in religion from Emory University in May.....**George Telford '58**, director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology and church, was one of two official delegates of the PC(USA) to the Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order in Spain. The conference, called by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, was the first since Montreal, 1963.....**Coile Estes '86** has been called as pastor of the Morningside church, Atlanta.....**Joanna Adams '79** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Davidson College in May.

Dick Wiggers '85 organized the Northminster church in Pensacola, FL, three years ago. In April, the church moved into a new, multi-purpose building.....**Sam Hughes '76** received a D.Min. degree from Erskine Seminary in May. Dr. Hughes is 80 years old.....**Marcia Riggs**, associate professor of Christian ethics, presented a paper and facilitated dialogue at a Women in Ministry Conference and a Black Theology consultation in London and Sheffield, England, in June. She preached at Tooting Methodist Church and Ronsom Pentecostal A.M.E. Zion Church while there. Dr. Riggs was respondent to papers presented at the Roundtable of Ethnic Theologians of the United Methodist Church in Claremont, CA.....**Stephen Haynes '88**, assistant professor of religion and literature at Rhodes College, is co-author of *To Each Its Own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Criticisms and Their Application*.....**Beecher Mathes '92** is associate pastor at Covenant church, Athens, GA.

Robert Ramey, professor of ministry, consulted with Emory church, Atlanta, and First church, Cartersville, in a mission study. He has been temporary supply minister at Oglethorpe church, Atlanta. Dr. Ramey preached at Eastminster church, Stone Mountain, GA, and represented Columbia, along with **Lee Carroll '68**, director of supervised ministry, at the small church consultation in Denver.....**Barry Davies '82** (DMin '87), instructor in church music, led workshops and preached at First church, Anniston, AL.....**Rebecca Parker**, director of admissions, taught a seven-week course at Trinity church, Atlanta, and preached at St. Luke's church, Atlanta.....**Peter Denlea '89** pastor of Ormewood church, received the small church pastor of the year award from Greater Atlanta Presbytery in June.....**Carolyn Johnson '80** was honorably retired by National Capital Presbytery in 1992.....**William Love '77** is interim pastor of First church, Hartsville, SC.

Several students and alums were married recently: **Bob Madsen '90** and Linda Myers, June 26 in East Brunswick, NJ; **Michelle Thomas '94** and David Bush, June 18 in Montreat, NC; **Keith Freeman '95** and Amy Alexander, June 5 in Concord, NC; **Becky Ardell '93** and **Mark Downs '92**, June 19 in St. Louis; **Joon Lee '94** and Hyo Eun Choo, June 22 in Seoul, Korea; **Lisa Traynham '92** and **Ron Nelson '93**, May 29 in Columbia's chapel; **Stephen Ratliff '95** and Melissa Hancock, June 19, Davidson, NC; **Jay Freedman** (Spec.) and Sarah Pscheidt, Mar. 6, Cincinnati; **Steven Arndt '94** and Robin Powell, July 3, Marietta, GA; **Charles Blasdell '94** and Amy Shrum, July 31, Spotsylvania, VA.

Charles Cousar '58, professor of New Testament, led a weekend retreat at Stoney Point, NY, for The Reformed church, Bronxville, NY. He delivered the Gamble Lectures at First church, Greenville, MS, and preached at First church, LaGrange, GA.....**Philip Gehman '68**, vice president for student life and dean of students, served on the leadership team for the Study to Enrich Inquirers and Candidates II Consultation (a PC(USA) project funded by the Lilly Endowment) in Delray Beach, FL, in June and on the staff of a Montreat Youth Conference in August.....**Sheppard Lawrence '74** is chaplain, Florida Hospital, Orlando.....**Lori Pistor '92** is associate pastor of First church, Durham, NC.....**Ben Johnson**, professor of evangelism and church growth, gave lectures at Knox College Graduates Association in Toronto and at the University of Winnipeg for the United Church of Canada. Dr. Johnson has preached at First church, Richmond, KY and at Marble Collegiate church, New York. He taught at Pacific School of Religion's summer school and led an evangelism seminar for Lake Erie Presbytery.

Brian Childs, professor of pastoral theology and counseling, published an article and a book review in *Journal of Pastoral Care*. He attended the annual meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology and consulted on establishing a "Bereavement Committee" and preached at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Miami. Dr. Childs was a fellow and participant in a seminar on narrative ethics at the Center for Literature, Medicine, and the Health Care Professions in Hiram, OH.....**Tod Linafelt '91** has had articles published in *Koinonia* and *Paradigms* and a book review in *Christian Scholars' Review*.....**Ernestine Cole**, associate dean of students, attended, with a group of women seminarians, the Women's Ecumenical Interseminary Conference at Union Seminary in Richmond. She has preached at the West End church, Atlanta.....**Steve Rhodes '82** is pastor of a new church in the Pace area of Pensacola, FL.

Will Coleman '85, instructor in theology, received the Ph.D. in systematic and philosophical theology from the Graduate Theological Union. He delivered the graduating student commencement speech during the ceremony..... **Tamara Puffer '92** is associate minister at the Mt. Vernon church, Atlanta....**Nancy Lee** (ThM '93) is in the Old Testament Ph.D. program at Union Seminary in Richmond..... **Harrison Taylor '54** is interim pastor at Second church, Little Rock, AR..... **Ruthanne Huff**, technical services librarian, was a panel member for a program on the online public access catalog at the American Theological Library Association's annual conference....**Nibs Stroupe '75** and **Caroline Leach '72**, pastor and co-pastor of Oakhurst church, Decatur, accepted, for the church, the 1993 Small Church Award from Greater Atlanta Presbytery.....**Charles Roberts '83** (ThM '93), minister to singles at Peachtree church, Atlanta, had an article published in *Atlanta Singles*, participated in a panel discussion at the Single Adult Ministry's National Convention, and submitted chapters for two books being published by the Network of Single Adult Leaders..... **Jeff Lewis '89** is pastor of the Dutch Fork A.R. Presbyterian Church, Irmo, SC.

Stuart Thomas Wilson '78 is pastor of the Robinson church, Charlotte, NC.....**Christine Wenderoth**, associate librarian and assistant professor of practical theology, attended the annual meeting of the American Theological Library Association in Vancouver, British Columbia. She was elected chair of the Annual Program Committee and of the Collection Evaluation and Development Section. Dr. Wenderoth has accepted the position of director of the library at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and will begin her duties there in 1994.....**Walter Brueggemann**, professor of Old Testament, gave the commencement address and received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, in May. He delivered the Harry Vaughn Smith Lectures at Mercer University and the commencement address at Lancaster Seminary. Dr. Brueggemann lectured at Calvin Theological Seminary; Brick church, NY; Mundelein Seminary; and the Worship and Music Conference, Montreat. He preached at the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ and at Spring Hill church, Mobile, AL. He has written *Texts Under Negotiation* and *Jeremiah: Faithfulness in the Midst of Fickleness*. His book, *1 Kings*, has been translated into Italian.....**Gilbert McLaurin** (DMin '77) is associate pastor of First church, Thomaston, GA.

Thomas Are '59 is interim pastor of the Highland church, Lancaster, PA.....**Rick Baggett '84** is pastor of First church, Fort Myers, FL.....**Roger Mackey '68** (DMin '91) has been called as pastor of the Henry Memorial church, Dublin, GA.....**Sara C. Juengst '83**, director of continuing education, spoke at the Georgia Alliance for the Mentally Ill, at Northeast Georgia presbytery meeting, and at North Decatur church. She has preached at Lincolnton and Elberton, GA, and Willington, SC, led a series at First church, Athens, GA, and taught at synod school and leadership events for Greater Atlanta and Trinity presbyteries. Ms. Juengst has been elected moderator of Greater Atlanta Presbytery.....**Graham Hardy** (DMin '92) is interim pastor of Eastminster church, York, PA.....**Andy Walton '92**, pastor of the Forsyth, GA, church, directed the Columbia Choir's production of *Cotton Patch Gospel*..... **John Sharp '71** is pastor of Peabody Heights church, Eastman, GA.....**Paul Smith '57** has completed 25 years as associate professor of philosophy and religion at Richard Bland college of the College of William and Mary..... **Ben Dunagan '60** was honorably retired from Batesville church, Holy Springs, MS. ☐

BIRTHS

To J. '85 and April Hammet, a son, William Jarred Nelson, Apr. 7, 1993.
To Lee Pruett Walker (MAYM '85) and Brad '89, a son, Nathanael Lane, Apr. 3, 1993.
To Karen Walkup Burns '88 and Dick '90, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, May 20, 1993.
To Richard '89 and Elizabeth '90 Deibert, a son, Andrew Irvin, June 30, 1993.
To Ann '92 and Dan Kelly, a son, Joseph Houston, July 24, 1993.
To Tom '93 and Dawn Pipkin, a son, Joshua James, June 1, 1993.
To SherylLynn'94 and Jeff Frazier, a son, Jeffrie Alexander, Apr. 15, 1993.
To Martin '94 and Nancy Lifer, a daughter, Grace Beale, Mar. 30, 1993.
To Jim '95 and Amy Cazin, a son, Cody, May 27, 1993.

DEATHS

James Reaves '52, May 10, 1993.
Bruce Davis '71, Dec. 17, 1992.
Jerry Bustle '76, April 1993.

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Courses offered in literature and film

In April, the Lay Institute of Faith and Life introduced two new study groups. "Theology and Literature" provides an opportunity for lay people to learn to read theologically. The group is focusing on works of twentieth-century fiction, asking questions about the presence (or absence) of God in the worlds that writers create.

"Faith and Film" recognizes that film-makers want to change the way viewers look at the world. The group is learning to watch films *intelligently*, seeking to make them part of our world rather than blindly becoming part of theirs. The group is also learning to watch films *faithfully*, asking questions about how they portray God and God's world.

Both study groups are ongoing. "Faith and Film" meets the first Tuesday night of each month. "Theology and Literature" meets the first Thursday of each month. Both groups meet on the Columbia campus.

New students are welcome. There is a one-time $10 registration fee. For more information, contact the Lay Institute. ☐

Forum 1994

January 24-26

Smyth Lecturer: Terence Fretheim, professor of Old Testament, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Alumni/ae Lecturer: Columbia Seminary Faculty Panel
Forum Preacher: Barbara Brown Taylor, pastor, Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, Georgia ☐

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Alton Tulloch, St. Ann, Jamaica
Peniamina Vai, Kingston, Jamaica
Arthur Wall, Knightdale, North Carolina
Ben W. Wilson, Iva, South Carolina
Gerald Worrell, Charlotte, North Carolina

Master of Theology

Brant Baker, Mobile, Alabama
Harry Horne, Gainesville, Florida
Amos Kariuki, Nairobi, Kenya
Joseph Lee, Clarkston, Georgia
Nancy Lee, Lillington, North Carolina
Andras Lovas, Budapest, Hungary
Charles Roberts, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Dongchae Shin, Seoul, Korea ☐

From the Bookstore

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	New titles by Columbia faculty members:		
_____	*Texts Under Negotiation: The Bible and Postmodern Imagination* by **Walter Brueggemann**	$ 9.95	**$ 8.46**
_____	*Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism: Living in a Three-Storied Universe* by **Walter Brueggemann**	$12.95	**$11.01**
_____	*Pastoral Care in Context: An Introduction to Pastoral Care* by **John Patton**	$20.00	**$16.96**
_____	*Texts for Preaching: A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV -- Year B* by **Walter Brueggemann, Charles Cousar, James Newsome,** and Beverly Gaventa (former professor of New Testament at Columbia)	$32.00	**$27.16**

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Development/Seminary Relations

By Frank T. Willey
Director of Development/Seminary Relations

Give...and receive income for life

During recent visits with pastors and parishioners I have met people who would like to make a gift to Columbia but feel they are unable to do so because of the low earnings they are receiving on their current CD's and bank savings accounts.

When these friends of the seminary hear of IRS-approved life income plans, they often realize that they *are* able to give...and receive greater benefits than if they had not given, including income for life.

Here are answers to some of the most common questions we are asked about one type of life income plan, the charitable gift annuity:

Q. What is a charitable gift annuity?
A. It is an agreement under which a donor transfers cash, securities or other assets to Columbia Theological Seminary for the benefit of the seminary. In return, the seminary promises to pay an annuity, or fixed dollar amount, to one or two annuitants for as long as they live.

Q. Who is eligible to make a gift in this way?
A. Anyone age 50 or over who wishes to make an irrevocable gift of $3,000 or more qualifies for a charitable gift annuity.

Q. What are some of the benefits in making a charitable gift annuity?
A. 1. Satisfaction - You are assured the lifetime joy of helping enlarge and strengthen the vital mission of Columbia Seminary.
2. Guaranteed Life Income - You receive an attractive income guaranteed for life at an annual rate from 6.5 percent to 12.0 percent depending on your age(s).
3. Tax advantages - You receive substantial tax benefits including a charitable deduction (if you itemize), tax-free income, capital gains and estate tax savings.
4. Security - A Columbia Seminary gift annuity is professionally invested and is backed by all the assets of the seminary. You are freed from burdensome investment decisions while being provided with maximum safety.
5. Flexibility - Your gift annuity may be created with cash or securities and may be for any specified amount over the $3,000 minimum.

Q. How would a gift/investment of $50,000 in a Columbia Theological Seminary gift annuity compare with an investment in a certificate of deposit or savings account?

	CD or savings account	Columbia gift annuity
Rate of return	3.5%	7.3%
Annual income	$1,750	$3,650
Kind of return	Variable rate	Fixed rate
Charitable contribution	None	$16,317
Tax Savings (28% bracket)	None	$4,569

NOTE: *The tax savings in this illustration is calculated for a beneficiary aged 65 and is based on quarterly payments and an IRS discount rate of 6.6 percent.*

Q. In addition to the income and tax benefits listed in the chart above, what else might be expected by a donor funding a gift annuity?
A. Additional benefits would include:
1. Enrollment in Columbia's J. McDowell Richards Society. (See Supplement page 8.)
2. An opportunity to establish a named scholarship fund that will support seminary students in perpetuity.
3. Supplemental retirement income.
4. Receiving a portion of the quarterly annuity payment as tax free income.

Q. How can I get an estimate of benefits that would come to me if I were to make a gift/investment in a charitable gift annuity?
A. For a confidential calculation of life income and tax benefits to you (and another income beneficiary), send the following information to Dr. Richard A. Dodds, Office of Planned Giving at Columbia:
1. Your name, address, and birthday;
2. The amount to be placed in gift annuity;
3. The name, address, and birthday of your spouse or another income beneficiary.

Our office will calculate your benefits and send the information to you. There is no cost or obligation for this service. ☐

Two weekends for prospective students planned

EACH YEAR COLUMBIA invites all prospective students who wish to explore a call to ministry to attend one of two Conferences on Ministry. Conference weekends are designed for those who have decided to pursue ministry as well as those who are testing the waters. The weekend offers a chance to consider the idea of ministry by talking with students, faculty, and staff, sitting in on a class, worshiping with the seminary community, and learning about curriculum, student housing, and financial aid.

Katherine Evans, a student from Spokane, Washington, came to the November 1992 conference. After that weekend, she knew she would be entering seminary. She researched other seminaries but found the combination of Columbia's strengths to be the deciding factor. "I realized that the quality of people, the quality of the curricular program, the Alternative Context for Ministry course, and the opportunities in Atlanta for urban ministry were what I needed to help me respond to God's call to ministry."

David Murad was encouraged by his pastor and presbytery executive, both alumni of other seminaries, to look at Columbia because of its strong faculty. "The weekend had everything to do with my decision to come to Columbia," he said. "I didn't know anybody here, but for the first time, I was with a group of people who were asking the same questions I'd been asking. It was like meeting old friends for the first time. I knew before the weekend was over that I would be coming to Columbia."

Conferences on Ministry are scheduled for November 5-7, 1993, and February 25-27, 1994. For more information on these prospective student weekends or to register, contact Rebecca Parker, Director of Admissions, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, Georgia 30031, or call 404/378-8821. ☐

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